

EXHIBIT A

IDR dispute status: Payment Determination Made

IDR reference number: DISP-884612

Federal Hearings and Appeals Services, Inc. has reviewed your Federal Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) dispute with reference number **DISP-884612** and has determined that ROWE PLASTIC SURGERY OF NJ LLC is the prevailing party in this dispute.

After considering all permissible information submitted by both parties, Federal Hearings and Appeals Services, Inc. has determined that the out-of-network payment amount of **\$112,500.00** offered by ROWE PLASTIC SURGERY OF NJ LLC is the appropriate out-of-network rate for the item or service 19318 on claim number 223-0000929509-00 under this dispute.

Federal Hearings and Appeals Services, Inc. based this determination on a review of the following:

ROWE PLASTIC SURGERY OF NJ LLC submitted an offer of \$112,500.00

Leading Edge Administrators submitted an offer of

For each of the following determination factors, an “x” in the Initiating Party and/or Non-Initiating Party column means the party provided supporting information.

	Additional Circumstances	Initiating Party	Non-Initiating Party
1	The level of training, experience, and quality and outcomes measurements of the provider or facility that furnished such item or service (such as those endorsed by the consensus-based entity authorized in section 1890 of the Social Security Act)		
2	The market share held by the nonparticipating provider or facility or that of the plan or issuer in the geographic region in which the item or service was provided		
3	The acuity of the individual receiving such item or service or the complexity of furnishing such item or service to such individual		
4	The teaching status, case mix, and scope of services of the nonparticipating facility that furnished such item or service		
5	Demonstrations of good faith efforts (or lack of good faith efforts) made by the disputing parties to enter into network agreements and, if applicable, contracted rates between the disputing parties during the previous 4 plan years		
6	Additional information submitted by a party		

Final Determination Rationale

After a complete and careful consideration of the totality of the evidence as promulgated in 45 CFR 149.510(c)(4) which does not include information on the prohibited factors described in 45 CFR

149.510(c)(4)(v), and after applying the No Surprises Act statutory provisions, ROWE PLASTIC SURGERY OF NJ LLC's offer best represents the value of the services that are the subject of this unique payment determination.

FHAS found that the Prevailing Party's offer best represents the value of the out-of-network service(s) due to the submitted, credible information for the following factors:

- Single offer and single fee received

Please note that while all factors are reviewed as required under 45 CFR 149.510(c)(4), the submitted evidence and information associated with the aforementioned factors demonstrated the prevailing party's offer best represents the value of the out-of-network service(s) in this particular case.

Next Step:

If any amount is due to either party, it must be paid **not later than 30 calendar days** after the date of this notification, as follows:

- **A plan, issuer, or Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program carrier owes a payment to a non-participating provider or facility** when the amount of the offers selected by the certified IDR entity exceeds the sum of 1) any initial payment the plan, issuer, or FEHB carrier has paid to the non-participating provider or facility and 2) any cost sharing paid or owed by the participant, beneficiary, or enrollee.
- **A non-participating provider or facility owes a refund to a plan, issuer or FEHB carrier** when the offer selected by the certified IDR entity is less than the sum of 1) any initial payment the plan, issuer, or FHHB carrier has paid to the non-participating provider or facility and 2) any cost sharing paid by the participant, beneficiary, or enrollee.

NOTE: The non-prevailing party is ultimately responsible for the certified IDR entity fee, which is retained by the certified IDR entity for the services performed. Federal Hearings and Appeals Services, Inc. has determined that Leading Edge Administrators is the non-prevailing party in DISP-884612 and is responsible for paying the certified IDR entity fee. The certified IDR entity fee that was paid by the prevailing party will be returned to ROWE PLASTIC SURGERY OF NJ LLC by the certified IDR entity within 30 business days of the date of this notification.

Pursuant to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act at 5 U.S.C. 8902(p), Internal Revenue Code sections 9816(c)(5)(E) and 9817(b)(5)(D), Employee Retirement Income Security Act sections 716(c)(5)(E) and 717(b)(5)(D), and Public Health Service Act sections 2799A-1(c)(5)(E) and 2799A-2(b)(5)(D), and their

implementing regulations at 5 CFR 890.114, 26 CFR 54.9816–8T (c)(4)(vii), 29 CFR 2590.716-8(c)(4)(vii) and 45 CFR 149.510(c)(4)(vii), this determination is legally binding unless there is fraud or evidence of intentional misrepresentation of material facts to the certified IDR entity by any party regarding the dispute.

The party that initiated the Federal IDR Process may not submit a subsequent Notice of IDR Initiation involving the same other party with respect to a claim for the same or similar item or service that was the subject of this dispute during the 90-calendar-day suspension period following the date of this email, also referred to as the “cooling off” period.

If the initiating party was a provider, the provider is identified by the National Provider Identifier (NPI) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). During the cooling off period, the provider may not submit a subsequent Notice of IDR Initiation involving the same non-initiating party with respect to a claim billed under the same NPI or TIN for the same or similar item or service.

The initiating party with respect to dispute number DISP-884612 was ROWE PLASTIC SURGERY OF NJ LLC. The initiating party’s TIN is 833106529. The non-initiating party was Leading Edge Administrators. The 90-calendar day cooling off period begins on February 27, 2024 . Please retain this information for your records.

If the end of the open negotiation period for such an item or service falls during the cooling off period, either party may submit a Notice of IDR Initiation within 30 business days following the end of the cooling off period, as opposed to the standard 4-business-day period following the end of the open negotiation period. This 30-business-day period begins on the day after the last day of the cooling off period.

Resources

Visit the [No Surprises website](#) for additional IDR resources.

Contact information

For questions, contact Federal Hearings and Appeals Services, Inc.. Include your IDR Reference number referenced above.

Thank you,

Federal Hearings and Appeals Services, Inc.

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